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The following notification issued by His Britannic Majesty's Government is published for general information:—

His Britannic Majesty's Government find themselves under the necessity of availing themselves of the power reserved under article 8 of the International Telegraph Convention and article 17 of the International Radio Telegraph Convention to suspend the transmission of telegrams and radio telegrams to and from or in transit through the United Kingdom, and to and from or in transit through all British possessions and all British protectorates whatsoever, save and except such telegrams and radio telegrams as are on the service of His Majesty's Government or of the Government of any British possession or protectorate. With a view however to minimize inconvenience to the public, His Britannic Majesty's Government will, until further notice and as an act of grace, permit the transmission of such telegrams and radio telegrams in plain language as foreign Governments or the public choose to send, provided that such telegrams and radio telegrams are written in English or French and on the understanding that they are accepted at the sender's risk and subject to censorship by the British authorities: that is, that they may be stopped, delayed or otherwise dealt with, in all respects at the discretion of those authorities and without notice to the senders, and that no claims in respect of them whether for the reimbursement of the sums paid for transmission or otherwise will be considered by His Majesty's Government in any circumstances whatever. It is moreover essential that such telegrams and radio telegrams should bear the sender's name at the end of the text, otherwise they are liable to be stopped until the name is notified by paid telegram. Registered abbreviated addresses will not be accepted either as addresses or as the names of senders.

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Secretary to the Government of India.

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